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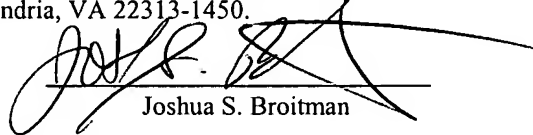
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to computation of the filing fees and examination of the above-referenced United States National Stage Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed in PCT/GB03/004107 be amended as set forth in the listing of Specification Amendments, Claim Amendments and Drawing Amendments annexed hereto.